



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 27, 2016, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 27, 2016, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 27, 2016, up 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 27, 2016, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through August 27, 2016 for the United States were 6.06 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2016

State	Week ending					
	July 23, 2016	July 30, 2016	August 6, 2016	August 13, 2016	August 20, 2016	August 27, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,834	29,344	29,638	29,602	29,656	29,848
Arkansas	22,409	22,110	22,494	22,556	22,642	22,774
Delaware	4,950	4,842	4,865	4,604	4,483	4,850
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,222	1,225	1,225
Georgia	34,897	33,882	34,825	34,228	34,547	34,429
Kentucky	7,993	7,368	7,726	8,132	6,286	6,977
Louisiana	3,530	3,440	3,500	3,500	3,470	3,500
Maryland	7,876	7,754	7,923	8,085	7,995	7,705
Mississippi	17,487	17,292	17,590	17,688	17,909	18,000
Missouri	7,878	7,993	7,808	7,758	7,642	8,022
North Carolina	20,871	20,781	19,942	20,783	20,215	20,139
Oklahoma	7,100	7,360	7,227	7,515	7,531	7,324
Pennsylvania	4,786	4,564	4,539	4,441	4,582	4,574
South Carolina	5,616	5,288	5,499	5,847	5,722	5,637
Texas	15,237	15,195	15,348	15,782	14,564	15,475
Virginia	6,519	6,500	6,405	6,411	6,378	6,583
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,080	11,878	11,850	11,659	11,817	11,687
19 State total	209,288	206,816	208,404	209,813	206,664	208,749
Percent of previous year	101	100	101	102	101	102
Other States	7,794	8,440	8,478	8,660	8,599	8,497
United States	217,082	215,256	216,882	218,473	215,263	217,246
Percent of previous year	101	100	101	102	101	102

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2016

State	Week ending					
	July 23, 2016	July 30, 2016	August 6, 2016	August 13, 2016	August 20, 2016	August 27, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,576	21,218	21,868	21,720	22,004	22,614
Arkansas	21,418	20,760	21,320	20,847	20,922	21,037
Delaware	5,511	5,312	4,186	5,574	4,875	5,104
Florida	1,602	1,241	1,220	1,582	1,541	1,332
Georgia	28,106	27,833	28,380	27,185	26,840	27,516
Kentucky	5,808	6,220	6,088	6,407	5,430	6,353
Louisiana	3,113	3,134	3,104	3,095	3,007	3,052
Maryland	5,153	5,369	7,856	5,852	5,769	5,795
Mississippi	14,892	15,340	15,387	14,797	14,442	14,547
Missouri	4,973	6,007	6,173	5,637	6,546	6,229
North Carolina	16,018	17,314	16,588	17,145	16,471	16,238
Oklahoma	3,684	4,601	3,853	4,757	3,638	3,919
Pennsylvania	3,547	3,457	3,593	3,708	3,562	3,603
South Carolina	4,731	4,854	4,077	5,050	5,562	5,262
Texas	12,983	13,297	12,896	12,758	12,768	12,716
Virginia	6,241	6,151	4,841	5,073	6,027	5,647
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,482	11,235	10,916	10,601	10,735	10,706
19 State total	169,838	173,343	172,346	171,788	170,139	171,670
Percent of previous year	100	101	101	101	100	101
Other States	6,886	6,853	6,786	6,460	7,005	6,686
United States	176,724	180,196	179,132	178,248	177,144	178,356
Percent of previous year	100	101	101	101	100	101

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State, 19 State total, Other States, and the United States.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

Reliability: Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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